

of the gangster's murderer. All his belongings were taken from him. Police headquarters, but a thorough examination failed to reveal even the slightest clue. The detectives searched that section of Brooklyn where he had roomed in an effort to find out where he had been. The more recent history of Eastman and his associates, but likewise failed to unearth any information which might help in clearing up the murder. At the New York station last night, Lieutenant Funston said there was no immediate prospect of an arrest. The detectives are seeking several men who are supposed to have been with Eastman Saturday night, Lieutenant Funston said.

That the killing was the result of a feud and not for the purpose of robbery is borne out by the fact that in the pockets of the dead man's clothing were found \$100 in cash, a watch and chain, a set of keys and two pairs of gold rimmed eyeglasses.

Drugs and Drink Old Foes

The regeneration of "Monk" Eastman might have been complete when he was restored to citizenship, as a reward for his war record, had it not been for the sinister workings of the oldest and most powerful enemies—drugs and drink. In two decades he had fought his way up through the lower East Side, where he pounded and shot into submission notorious gang leaders until he became the chief of all the "guerrillas"; had crawled through the mud of the German slums to save comrades in arms; had laughed at the bullets of the Boche, just as he had sneered at the pistols of the Paul Kellys and the police of New York, and had returned to the United States as a hero.

The majority of those who knew "Monk" at all shook their heads and questioned the wisdom of restoring to citizenship a man who had been a lawbreaker for years. True, the gangster had returned from Sing Sing and had enlisted; had been known as a model citizen; had won the respect of his officers and comrades and had been tried and not found wanting as a good soldier.

Petition Signed by Army Men

The petition to Governor Smith asking for restoration of citizenship to "Monk" Eastman had been signed by many officers, comrades and certain prominent citizens.

So when the former gang leader learned that the governor was going to "make good" in the garage business Governor Smith was complimented for having given the gangster a chance, and some of the police, at least, heaved a sigh of relief. For "Monk" Eastman appeared to be trying to keep faith with those who believed in him.

Then he disappeared from his old haunts. Upon one of his departures from the Sing Sing penitentiary, he was going West and got out of the East Side forever. When he did not appear at the garage for several weeks it was whispered that he had grown tired of New York and had departed for places where he might start fresh and not be tempted so easily to fall by the wayside.

Trained for Last Six Months

But the police could not swallow this story. Men like Val O'Farrell and the late-time detective who had followed Eastman from the time he was a bartender in "Silver Dollar" Smith's, in Essex Street, and a houncer in New York, had insisted "Monk" couldn't have been further away from the Bowery and Chrystie Street than the police would take him. He had enlisted and one overseas with the 27th Division and the privilege of handling the machine gun without permit, they said.

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Partnership With Gangster Ends

The first place in which "Monk" was seen drunk on his recent outbreak was in the saloon at Broadway and Driggs Avenue. This place was the old Empire Hotel, which had been taken over by him by a Democratic politician in Brooklyn.

He was working with another "reformed" gangster, who was leading a team of truckmen paid him so much a load. At the end of each week they split the profits of the work and "booze party" over the work and the truckmen.

During one of these profit-sharing drinks Eastman lost his temper and threatened to kill his partner, according to the information received yesterday, and the result was a split in partnership.

After that quarrel the other gangster got a mob together and they moved their headquarters from the East Side to Brooklyn—and prepared to get Eastman. It became known to the police, Brooklyn detectives assigned to watch for an outbreak, said yesterday that every moment Eastman was in Brooklyn he was trailed and watched. A battle was feared and the death of one or the other of the gangsters was expected at any moment. That the end should have come in Manhattan was a surprise to the Brooklyn police.

Fought Under Family Name

Eastman fought for Uncle Sam under his own name—William Delaney. He had come of good family, and had had a good education and a proper upbringing, but he chose for his school the sidewalks and the education to be had for the asking there.

While there is no data at hand which give the exact birthplace of the gangster, about forty-seven years ago, his first play days were around Third Avenue and Fourteenth Street, a block away from the place his body was found. He was in the shadow of Tammany Hall, whose leaders in years past hired him and his gang in lower East Side political activities.

For years "Monk" was a strong arm, literally, of the Sullivan faction, and an election without the former bouncer's billy and blackjack was a tame affair.

From Fourteenth Street he moved down to Chrystie Street and the Bowery, from which point he was believed to have made the encroachments of the Red Onions, the Yakeys Yakes, the Terrible Blues, who were eager to win supremacy in the political fight, which was continuous for fifteen years, beginning about 1900.

"Never Mind; I'll Get Even"

It was in the following year that Eastman became recognized by the press and police as a person of interest. He was walking along the Bowery one afternoon when he was shot in the stomach, suffering two dangerous wounds. At the hospital, even when it was expected he could not recover, he refused to tell who shot him, saying: "Never mind; I'll get even."

Paul Kelly's gang, said those who knew the "Monk" and the political feud that was on.

Soon after Eastman left the hospital there was a mysterious shooting near Chrystie Street hangout of the "Monk" gang and the police said "Monk" got his man. But they couldn't prove it and that was the end of the feud as far as those most interested were concerned.

In December, 1902, "Monk" was arrested on a charge of assault and was discharged. He usually was discharged, although he did serve some time. When first arrested he gave the name of John Eastman.

It was not until August the following year that the police got him again, although he kept them busy most of

sears of knives and razors and his body the marks of bullets were before he went to France. It was not surprising, then, that he was back under fire in so short a time.

Fear was not in his make-up, or if it was no one ever boasted he was before it to the surface. It took five bullets to finish him yesterday, and it was quite evident as many persons had a hand in getting the gangster out of the way. Those who knew "Monk" insist the killing was not the result of a duel.

Dined on Return From Front

He won the respect of his followers, many of them formerly his enemies, by his daring, so that when the 27th Division marched up Fifth Avenue the "Monk" was out in force to greet him. After the main parade there was another on the lower East Side which ended in a dinner to Eastman.

It was a glorious occasion for "Monk" and might have been for the gangster, had his leader not thrown a bomb, which filled with gloom into the midst of the party. In a speech telling his friends and followers how he had seen of battle clearly away when it was over several persons were taken to hospitals and much damage had been done. Eastman, booked by the police this time as Joseph Morris, was charged with assault, but was not taken to jail.

A few days later, when arrested in Freehold, N. J., on a charge of having beaten up James McMahon, coachman of the New York Giants, Eastman was arrested again under the name of Delaney, and as usual was discharged. During the same month he was arrested twice as a suspicious person, but the police did not have evidence sufficient to hold him on either occasion.

In April the next year, however, "Monk" met his Waterloo. In attempting to hold up a young man who was being held by Pinkerton detective Eastman killed the detective, and Recorder Goff sent the "terror of the East Side" to Sing Sing for ten years. The battle with the detective was staged between Broadway and Sixth Avenue, in Forty-second Street.

The gangster's luck or political influence did not desert him entirely. At this time, for during the term of his imprisonment the rules governing the operations of the Board of Pardons were made less stringent and Eastman was able to get out of Sing Sing without permit, they said.

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Keeps Gunmen Organized

The police, therefore, were not surprised, a few weeks later, to learn that Eastman was active again around Chrystie Street and the Bowery. The East Side gang had come upon evil days. There was no leader and no one to look to for election collections. Paul Kelly had gone to the West, and under the name of Jim Kelly, Jackson "Whitey" also were serving time. "Red" Harrington, "Eat-Em-Up" Jack McManus and "Kid" Twist had been killed in fights. Some iron hand was needed to keep the gunmen organized and Eastman was out and ready.

Paul Kelly, who stood second in importance to Eastman, had ruled from the Bowery Point eastward to the East River, where Eastman contested at Mike Salter's hangout, the Pelham. Kelly had always insisted that the line ran from the Bowery to the East River, and that had caused the fights of earlier years.

When "Monk" returned from Sing Sing there was no Paul Kelly to fight him and he found him in the Pelham and in any of the other Kelly gathering places as he was in the former Eastman hangout. Kelly was not one to contest his leadership in the entire lower East Side. "Monk" was a Napoleon returned from his Elba.

Success to Opium Habit

But if the Kellys and the others had left him free to rule, his other enemies, drugs and drink, had not. They were waiting for him, and it was not long before "Monk" found he had a real fight on his hands. That he was defeated is shown by the police records of May, 1912, when he was arrested on a charge of drug and opium smuggling in a den he was conducting in East Thirtieth Street. He was transported from the drug when arraigned, but he was not taken to the hospital. He was adjudged when he was able to be sentenced Judge Mayer sent him to Sing Sing for eight months.

The next time he got out of prison he said he was not going to return to New York, but he could not keep his word. The East Side was too much of a magnet and in a short time he was back again. He kept out of the clutches of the police during the war, but he did not get into trouble again until September, 1914. Then he was picked up in Buffalo under the name of John Delaney on a burglary charge, but was discharged.

He was heard from next at New York police headquarters, when a telephone message came from the Albany chief of police that "Monk" and two other men were in an automobile on their way to New York with a suitcase of silver stolen in the capital. As a result of this message, Eastman was arrested in the morning and taken back to Albany, where he was sentenced to two years and eleven months in Dannemora.

Seeks Firing Line in Palamas

Released in October, 1917, he enlisted a short time later and was trained and sent away with the 27th Division. At Vierzars Ridge he started out under fire to the front, was wounded and in spite of bullets in the left hand and left leg, brought his comrades back. "Monk" was sent to the hospital, but was back at the front in three days, having fled the hospital in pajamas to get to the firing line.

No sooner had he been given a gun than he started out alone after a German machine gun and after struggling through the mud on his stomach, got the boche with a bomb. "Monk" was in his element. Bullets didn't bother him. When his comrades asked him what he was doing in the war, he curled his lip and said he had fought the battle of New York.

He looked it. He had the face of a thing which was not always been on the right side of a fight in the night was factor. His nose was battered from a score of brawls. His neck bore

Gas Kills Five in Two Cities, One a Suicide

Mother and Brother of Two Victims Revived and Taken to Hospital

Five persons died of asphyxiation by gas in New York and Jersey City yesterday—four of them accidentally and the fifth a suicide. Two others are in the Kings County Hospital suffering from gas poison.

Louis Zitzen, fifteen years old, and his baby sister, Dena, one year old, were found dead in bed at 219 Pulaski Street, Brooklyn. The mother and a brother, who were in the gas-filled apartment, were revived. Neighbors smelled gas, which was traced to the Zitzen apartment. Police from the Vernon Avenue station were called and found gas escaping from a heater in the kitchen.

Patrick McKernan, fifty-five years old, and Annie Burke, fifty-two, both laborers, were found dead in bed at a rooming house at 572 Broome Street yesterday. A rubber tube attached to a gas stove had accidentally become detached and the men were asphyxiated. They were found by a fellow roomer, Thomas Schifflin, who had gone to their room to take them out to dinner.

Michael Marko, fifty years old, was found dead at 48 Brooke Street, Jersey City, last night. Mrs. Teresa Schifflin, who conducts a rooming house there, said she had gone out visiting and on her return had stumbled over Marko's body. He had gone into the kitchen and had inserted a gas pipe in his mouth. He had been employed in a Jersey City railroad yard.

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Jersey Governor Calls For War on Banditry

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 26.—A state-wide conference to suppress banditry in New Jersey has been called by Governor Edwards for next Tuesday. One hundred and fifty invitations have been sent to state and county agencies, the American Legion and other veterans' associations, as well as to officials of neighboring states.

Among the precautions suggested by the Governor are: Co-ordination of municipal police departments, reporting of every automobile entering the state, night guarding of roads at the outskirts of municipalities, speedy communication to aid captures, substantial state rewards, close guard over parked automobiles and the appointment of a coordinating state officer.

Charge of Assault and Recently had been Hiding in New Jersey, the Police Say.

Trio Sent to Workhouse

"I am going to do my best to make the streets of the Bronx safe," said Magistrate Corrigan in Morrisania court yesterday in sentencing three youths to six months in the workhouse for attempting to rob a young woman of her rings as she stood in the doorway of her home Christmas night.

The men are Adam Wenzel, twenty-five years old, of 417 St. Ann's Avenue, a soldier, who said he was on recruiting duty; his cousin, Eugene Smak, eighteen years old, of the same address, and Edward Lacy, sixteen years old, of 415 St. Ann's Avenue. They were found guilty of disorderly conduct. They denied attempting the robbery and pleaded not guilty to the charge of disorderly conduct.

Shirley Levine, of 596 East 147th Street, told Magistrate Corrigan she was standing in the doorway of her home talking to a man friend when Lacy and Wenzel entered the doorway and tried to remove her rings from her fingers while Smak took guard in the street. The young woman fought and screamed and they ran, but captured after a chase of several blocks.

Bogus Soldier is Held

William J. Purdy, of 342 West 123d Street, wearing a soldier's uniform with two wound stripes and two service stripes, was held in \$1,000 bail on a charge of carrying a dangerous weapon before Magistrate Joseph St. Levan in Washington Heights court yesterday.

Martin Rosfeld, a student at New York University, said yesterday Purdy was a fraternity house on Christmas Day and the soldier stole a suitcase containing clothing worth more than \$50. Purdy had a marriage license in his pocket and told the police he was married to-day. He said he had served a year overseas and had been wounded badly and was receiving treatment at the Postville Hospital on Staten Island. The police say inquiry at the hospital proved he was an impostor.

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U. S. Plot Against Italians Charged In Murder Trial

Men Accused of \$18,000 Robbery Said to Have Been 'Framed' as Sequel to Suicide of Salsedo

Special Dispatch to The Tribune

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—The cases of two Italians held here for the murder of a paymaster in the \$18,000 payroll robbery at South Braintree last April have assumed international scope.

The two men, who will go on trial in March for their lives, are Bartholomew Van Zetti and Nicolo Sacco. The Italian government, intervening in the case, has instructed the Italian Consul in Boston, A. Ferrante, to investigate the accusations fully.

A pamphlet sent broadcast through America by the Sacco-Van Zetti defense committee asserts the two men were "framed" as a sequel to the violent campaign of lawlessness of the Department of Justice, which culminated May 3 in the tragic death of our friend, Andrea Salsedo, who fell fourteen stories to death in New York while a prisoner of Secret Service men.

U. S. Spent \$20,000 in Trial of Arnstein Case

Attorney for Cohn Announces He Is Ready for Hearing Any Time Government Sets

From The Tribune's Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Efforts of the United States to convict Jules (Nicky) Arnstein and his alleged associates of conspiracy to bring stolen securities into the District of Columbia cost more than \$20,000, officials of the District Attorney's office disclosed to-day.

Timothy J. Cohn, the salary of the justice who presided at the trial, which resulted in a disagreement by the jury on a mistrial, together with the expenses of government witnesses, the salary of the prosecuting attorney and other outlays of money occasioned by the trial, which consumed almost a month.

In the event that the court orders a new trial it will cost at least another \$20,000, attorneys say.

How much it has cost the department of Justice to trace the Wall Street bond thief's path to a slum hotel and to tell, special agents of the department worked on the case and prepared what was thought to be conclusive evidence against the defendants.

The government was put to the necessity of paying the traveling expenses of the many witnesses who came here to testify. Under the law a witness for the United States is allowed \$125.

Attorney T. M. Wampler, Counsel for David W. Sullivan, Norman S. Bowles and W. W. Easterday, the Washington defendants with Arnstein, declared to contribute funds for the defense. A waste of public funds to attempt to try Arnstein again here. He declared that he is ready to go to trial on the evidence against him. The government claims to have against Nick Cohn, another defendant, on any day the District Attorney cares to see justice.

Justice Gould will hear argument January 11 on the question of Cohn's extradition to the United States and rule the same time on the habeas corpus writ obtained for Bowles, who was requested at the request of the New York authorities immediately after the jury disagreement had been reported.

Clara Hamon's Defense Discussed With Lawyers

Alleged Slayer of Oklahoma Politician Attends Conference at Ardmore

ARDMORE, Okla., Dec. 26.—Matters pertaining to the defense of Mrs. Clara Hamon, at liberty under \$12,000 bond here on a charge of having killed Jake L. Hamon, Republican National Committeeman, were discussed at a conference to-day between Mrs. Hamon and her attorneys.

The conference continued four hours and, according to the attorneys, virtually every question concerning the case was gone into.

Mrs. Hamon came here from Wilson, Okla., thirty miles away, where she is visiting relatives, returning to Wilson to-day.

The conclusion of the conference one of the attorneys expressed the belief that the trial probably would not take place until after January 17.

Chief Flynn Probes Death of McGuinness

Visits Beach Where Body of Dry Agent Was Found; Detectives Scoff at Murder Theory

William J. Flynn, chief of the United States Secret Service, came here yesterday from Washington to investigate the death of James F. McGuinness, prohibition agent and relative of Joseph P. Tumulty, Secretary to President Wilson. On Friday McGuinness was found dead at the edge of Newark Bay, in a building held through his head, and last night his family and the public authorities still disagreed as to whether he killed himself or was murdered.

Chief Flynn visited the place where the body was found, questioned the men who discovered it, talked with the police, with prohibition authorities and with neighbors of McGuinness, who lived at 315 Summit Avenue, Jersey City. It was understood he was making the inquiry at the request of Mr. Tumulty.

Bayonne detectives said that in going over the case yesterday they had only become more convinced that the absence of any signs of violence and the prominence of the stomach, of which the body of McGuinness was found, were proof enough that he could not have been slain there or shot elsewhere and his body carried to the place. There was disagreement as to whether powder marks had been seen around the wound.

Two prohibition enforcement officers from Manhattan have been carrying on an extended investigation, on the theory that McGuinness came to his death by foul play.

Dr. Bert Daly, county physician, said last night an autopsy would be held at the Jersey City Hospital this morning. Coroner Joseph Introcasso says he will hold an inquest.

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